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by Robert N. Taylor

Farrakhan To Congress, 'Let Me Testify': Nation of Islam leader Minister Louis Farrakhan last week challenged the U.S. Congress to allow him to testify before one of its committees in order to explain the views of his organization. The request came in the wake of the House last week passing a resolution condemning the recent controversial speech of Farrakhan aide Khalid Abdul Muhammad. The Senate passed a similar resolution on February 2. Farrakhan challenged the Congress not just to condemn but allow all to know exactly what the Nation of Islam stands for. He explained, "So that our children and grand-children will not only have those resolutions to read but our testimony to read, weigh and judge for themselves." The congressional resolutions condemned a November speech by Muhammad in which he labeled Jews "the bloodsuckers of the black community." —CHICAGO, IL

College Desegregation Being Probed In 14 States: The Education Department's Office For Civil Rights has announced that it will re-examine the progress toward desegregation of colleges and universities in fourteen states. The eight states which have been listed in compliance with civil rights laws by the Bush and Reagan administrations. The states facing re-examination are Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, North Carolina, Missouri, Oklahoma, South Carolina and West Virginia. One focus is to determine whether states are reaching desegregation goals by simply closing historically black colleges and universities. According to assistant education secretary Norma Cantor, "We will continue any action that might impose undue burden on black students, faculty or administrators." —WASHINGTON, DC

Moseley-Braun Holds Hearing To Condemn 'Gangsta Rap': The nation's only black member of the U.S. Senate last week held a hearing designed to condemn and seek ways to control so-called gangsta rap—rap music which critics charge promotes violence and disrespect of women. And several speakers did condemn the music including National Political Council of Black Women head C. Delores Tucker. She stated that gangsta rap is negatively influencing black children and "explains why so many of our children are out of control." However, several cautionary voices were also raised. Brown University professor Michael Eric Dyson warned that gangsta rap is "an easy

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COMMENTARY

The time of woman is now

by Carolyn L. Bennett, Ph.D.

Chief of the Cherokee Nation Wilma Mankiller calls the time we're in "the time of woman."

I agree with her, and I think I know the spirit of woman she sees when she proclaims the time of woman. Events occurring over the past year show the rise of woman, and a certain character of woman that is not evident in all women.

Chief Mankiller says woman, different from man, has vision; woman sees through to the future, is ever mindful of the children—which is not the same thing as being caretaker or giver of tangible gifts to the children. Women know that for boys to grow up, they need the killing of (and by) children. Prior to action, woman sees through to the consequences, or the futility, of action.

There is great power in woman whose time is now.

Appointments made by the Clinton administration suggest, if not a true valuing of woman, at least some level of awareness of the power of woman.

By the end of 1993 his administration had employed over a thousand women—record numbers at cabinet and near cabinet levels: Madeleine Albright, UN Representative to the General Assembly, Mary Frances Berry, Chair of the Commission on Civil Rights, M. Jocelyn Elders, U.S. Surgeon General, Ruth S. Hanft, U.S. Attorney General, Justice U.S. Supreme Court, (Rumor has it that even the Honorable Barbara Jordan of Texas may be returning). Hazel O'Leary, Secretary of the Department of Energy, Janet Reno, U.S. Attorney General, Donna Shalala, Secretary of Health and Human Services. For his awareness, we commend Mr. Clinton. We credit woman.

Powerful women's organizations, traditional ones as well as the new (and often questionable) PACs like EMILY's list, exert

Town houses to replace Columbus Homes

NEWARK—The Newark Coalition for Low Income Housing recently met to discuss the progress to date, in building new public housing to replace the Columbus Homes public housing site. The old site was partially demolished during the meeting.

As a result of a federal lawsuit by the Coalition, a Settlement Agreement was reached between the Coalition, Newark Housing Authority, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1989. The terms of the agreement required townhouses to be constructed to replace the Columbus Homes units. Under the Settlement Agreement, demolition was only allowed after the Newark Housing Authority complied with provisions to build replacement units.

During the three years after signing of the Settlement Agreement no new housing was built. Construction began however, after the Coalition returned to court in 1992 to seek enforcement of the Agreement.

Construction progress has finally been made, and the first new public housing in Newark in five years is underway. Construction on 266 units is nearing completion with half of these new units already occupied. Contracts with developers have been signed to build another 393 units.

Because of this progress, the Newark Housing Authority met the terms of the first phase of the Settlement Agreement and was recently given permission by Federal Court Judge Dickinson Delvecchio to tear down four of the eight buildings at Columbus Homes. The remaining four buildings at Columbus Homes will be torn down as the Newark Housing Authority meets further court requirements to construct additional units.

According to Viet Delaney, Coalition chairperson: "Today's celebration is for the hundreds of public housing townhouses that have been built and will be built. It's been a long hard process but one well worth the effort. We believe that no new housing units would have been built if the Columbus Homes demolition took place five years ago. The struggle is not over. The Coalition will remain vigilant to ensure that the balance of the required housing is actually built."

Ann Twitty, former president of the Columbus Homes Tenants Association stated, "The demolition brings some sadness to my heart because I can remember when Columbus Homes was a community for families. Before Columbus Homes was closed, the Newark Housing Authority made a promise to the residents and the city that it would build new homes to replace the site. It's important

to make sure this promise is kept."

"The new housing will enable Newark's renaissance to be shared with low income families and to reach into the inner city neighborhoods," said Stephen Finn, executive director of the Coalition. "Newark is getting \$200 million in federal construction funds to build all 1777 new units which will replace garbage cluttered vacant lots with attractive housing for low income families to raise their children's lives."

According to David Weiner, President of CWA Local 1081 representing non-managerial employees of the Essex County Division of Welfare, "In the wake of the city's affordable housing crisis, the Coalition's lawsuit

guarantees a permanent housing resource for low income families. In the process, this protection gives relief to local taxpayers who forced the bill to pay for emergency housing because of the Newark Housing Authority's past failures."

The new units will be built in all wards of the city. During 1994 and 1995, the court order requires construction to take place on 1511 new units. The Settlement Agreement requires that the Newark Housing Authority construct 330 new townhouses at the Columbus Homes site on all existing buildings are demolished. Contrary to published reports, the Columbus land can only be used for the development of new public housing units.

Leonard Coleman appointed president of National League

by Connie Woodruff

When African American parents assure their children, "You can be anything you want to be," they can trace the career of Leonard Smith Coleman, a living legend at 45 and a role model who miraculously finds time to mentor inner city kids in his native Newark, N.J.

Leonard Coleman is the new president of the National League which makes him the highest ranking African American in baseball. The league president is responsible for the season's schedule, the umpiring agenda, the collection or distribution of receipts, the keeping of essential records and discipline on the field. He moves up from his position as marketing director for baseball so he may have been the right man at the right place, at the right time.

Conversely, it could have been his easy-going personality, experience in government and business, degrees from Princeton University Harvard Graduate School of Education and his athletic prowess as an all-American football player at Montclair High, his record as the Outstanding School Athlete in New Jersey in 1967 or his star player ranking in baseball and football at Princeton and his stint with a semi-pro baseball teams in Passaic and Bergen counties that made him a natural for the NFL's head coach.

His mother Cynthia, a retired secretary living in rural Sussex County, is her only son's most avid fan. But she is also the first to say, "Lenzie was definitely not a goody-two-shoes but somehow he grasped the importance of getting a good education to be prepared when opportunity knocked."

Opportunity for this young man who is not approaching middle-age with dread has knocked in myriad ways as he carved out



a career for himself.

He resigned his fourth grade teaching assignment in Newark to accept an assignment in Africa as an Episcopal missionary. In four years on the continent he helped a dozen countries, including Kenya, where he was named Nairobi, set up development projects.

When he returned to the United States, he succeeded Gus Henningsburg as president of the Newark Urban Coalition, a position he kept until Governor Tom Kean tapped him to serve as Commissioner of Energy.

He became the first African American to serve in two cabinet positions when Kean asked him to take the post of Commissioner of Department of Community Affairs.

Coleman left state government in 1989 to become vice president of municipal finance for Kidder, Peabody and Co. of New York until he was named to his job with Major League Baseball in 1991.

Politics, New Jersey style, really tested his leadership abilities but characterized by he met the challenge of revivifying a dormant black faction in the G.O.P. and

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After effect of snowstorm number 12



PLAINFIELD—This tree which was planted by the city, and once stood on North Avenue was knocked down by a city worker while clearing snow because it was "in his way."

ed critical pressure to get woman's representation for woman's vote that put Mr. Clinton in office, some of which he would have to negotiate with in the new Congress.

It was the power of woman that gave Mr. Clinton the opportunity to set in motion the change he campaigned on. Women had seen the desperate backlash played out at the Republican National Convention, reflected on twelve years of greed, mean spiritedness, ineptitude and neglect, envisioned an even darker future ahead for America, and decided to alter the course.

The persistence and power of woman has grown as the backlash has grown and as problems have become ever more pressing. Blatant, unchecked sexual harassment of women became a major event in 1993 because this aspect of male backlash was effectively met by a new power among women: A growing movement of mixed coalitions of women the likes of which had not been seen since Abolition and the early women's rights movement in the United States.

A tidal wave of harassment claims, of frank speaking about improper (and unwanted) behavior of men in relation to women in professional and social situations, and of training and retaining men and women regarding sexual harassment followed on the heels of gross injustice, ineptitude and downright deviousness on the part of a U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, a sitting president and his administration. And while the men of that administration look on these events merely as the cost of doing business, women do not.

A recent study in the New England Journal of Medicine together with other accounts by women in the U.S. and Canada suggest that harassment of women is not limited to the street worker or street walker. It is found in city, suburb and hamlet, among high class, low class and all classes in between. Reports indicate that women physicians (and nurses) are harassed frequently by male patients and physicians; and that the same men often watch women being harassed, and do nothing

to stop it. Sexual harassment occurs in the United States Congress (One man was accused of harassing 26 women recently) and women can't be removed from office because the majority male Club refuses to do justice. Women remember Mr. Packwood.

The resolution of the Tailhook case involving "flyboys" didn't go far enough in punishing them but, thanks to the women, high level officers did blush. And I expect the "honorable" Senator will come down soon.

The Oklahoma Professor sounded a note in October 1991 that became booming thunder in the hearts of all women. We knew what she was talking about. We knew the men on the Judiciary Committee and in the Bush Administration had drawn the big guns, sent up the smoke screen, clogged the wagons to cover their backsides. Some women of strange character joined in the charade. Woman saw through the lies.

This is the time of the woman, woman whose character differentiates her but who does not segregate her from men.

The woman of this time is first and foremost a person of peace, not a maker, enforcer or keeper of peace. Her vision is long, looking to the future, seeing her own value and the value of her children in the making of the world. Woman, the educator, advocate of the liberal education of children, the street worker or street walker. It is found in city, suburb and hamlet, among high class, low class and all classes in between. Reports indicate that women physicians (and nurses) are harassed frequently by male patients and physicians; and that the same men often watch women being harassed, and do nothing

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Drug use related to half of all violent crimes

New report documents impact of drugs on violence, crime and country's pressing domestic issue.

MILLBURN—According to an extensive national report recently released, by the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, drug plays a part in nearly half of all homicides and violent crimes in the United States.

"When you take a look at the staggering statistics in this report, you will see why drug abuse must remain a top national priority," said James Borshadel, Co-chairman of the Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey. "We cannot and will not make progress without addressing violence or other ill until we make a long-term commitment to addressing a common denominator in so many of these problems."

While hard-core drug use persists in the U.S., current use of any illicit drug and cocaine has dropped dramatically—by as much as 50 to 70 percent respectively since 1985. Such progress, however, is threatened by diminishing resource allocation and public focus.

In its analysis of drugs and crime, the report found that nearly half (48 percent) of all men arrested for homicide and assault used positive for drugs at the time of arrest. More than half of all federal prison inmates are behind bars for drug offenses.

Seventy-nine percent of state prison inmates say they used drugs at some point in

their lives; 62 percent used drugs regularly.

Prison-based treatment is lacking desperately: only 11 percent of state and federal prison inmates were reportedly enrolled in some form of drug treatment program. Violence and injury, often related to substance abuse, are responsible for 75 percent of adolescent deaths. More teen males die of gun shot wounds than of all natural causes.

The report also takes an extensive look at the impact of drugs on health care costs, urban decay, children and families, education, AIDS, homelessness and the economy. According to the report, expanded drug prevention and treatment are cost-effective strategies that are needed urgently.

The report also makes note of a number of innovative and effective anti-drug programs operating around the country—including Miami's Drug Court, a diversion and treatment program for first-time drug offenders, a huge prison-based drug treatment initiative in Texas, and a successful in-school drug prevention program called STAR in Kansas City.

"Leaving the country's drug problem on the back burner will be costly, not only in terms of our present problems, but also in

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Orange honors residents with MLK Human Rights Award

ORANGE—The city of Orange recently recognized this year's Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Award at its annual African American Recognition Ceremony. L-R Orange County President Rudy Thomas, Honoree Rev. John Harris, Honoree Marjorie Westfall, Mayor Robert L. Brown, Honoree Anzella King Nels, Melvin Chaires designer of the African-American heritage flag and Orange County President Marian Silvestri.

Photo by Glen Friesen

Essex County College staff members receive Employee of the Month Award



NEWARK—Newark residents Miguel Ramirez and Luisa Olavarria have been selected to receive an Essex County College (ECC) "Employee of the Month Excellence" Award. Ramirez, an office assistant and Olavarria, a secretary, both work in the College's Humanities Division.

"These employees clearly deserve this recognition," says Lawrence Knapp, Associate Dean of Liberal Arts. They are dedicated workers who have demonstrated initiative in their undertakings, completed tasks with accuracy and gone the extra-mile when needed."

The Essex County College "Employee of the Month Excellence" Award is presented bi-monthly to outstanding employees and honors their current achievements and contributions to the college community.

Friends of the Grand Master to honor Solomon Wallace



NEW YORK—Friends of the Grand Master are holding a reception to honor The Honorable Solomon Wallace 33rd, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge F. & A.M. on Saturday, March 19, at 12:00 noon at the Ramada Hotel, 7th Avenue 32nd Street, New York City. Grand Master, Solomon Wallace is being honored for the many accomplishments which he has made in his ten(10) years of Administration.

Post Office to issue famous black Americans stamps

PLAINFIELD—This year the U.S. Postal Service will issue 13 stamps honoring various African Americans. The year's line up begins with the issuance of a stamp honoring social anthropologist and educator Dr. Allison Davis. The Dr. Allison Davis stamp is the 17th stamp issued in the postal service's black heritage stamp series. The series began in 1978 with a stamp honoring abolitionist Harriet Tubman and includes in its roster Martin Luther King, Jr., A. Philip Randolph, W.E.B. DuBois, Mary McLeod Bethune, Whitney Young, Jr., and Jackie Robinson, among others. Stamps scheduled for release this year are: Bessie Smith, Muddy Waters, Billie Holiday, Robert Johnson, Ma Rainey, Jimmy Rushing, Howlin' Wolf, Ethel Waters, Nat "King" Cole, Billie Holiday, James P. Beckwith, and The Buffalo Soldiers.

Governor Whitman Receives International Award



TRENTON—New Jersey's Governor, Christine Todd Whitman recently received the 1994 PRIDE (Parents Resource Institute for Drug Education) from the World Drug Conference Community Coalition. The award recognizes the state's drug and alcohol prevention efforts which currently has over 100,000 citizen volunteers in over 480 Municipal Alliances throughout New Jersey. Municipal Alliances are grass root organizations composed of representatives from local school districts, businesses, recovering individuals, police departments, county and local governments working together to stem the tide of alcoholism and drug abuse within their communities.

Singles wanted

ISELIN—A "few good men and women" are wanted for the Arthritis Foundation's Fourth Annual Singles Spring Party & Auction, which includes an auction of eligible men and women ages 27-55.

The event is scheduled for Friday evening, April 22, at the Basking Ridge Country Club. All proceeds will benefit the Arthritis Foundation. For further information call, 908-283-4300.



Hazel Lockett receives McAuliffe Award

EAST ORANGE—During the recent Black History Month celebration a special tribute was paid to Vernon L. Dawsey teacher Hazel Lockett. She recently received the Christa McAuliffe Award from The National Foundation for the Improvement of Education in Washington, D.C. Mayor Cooper, joined by Superintendent of Schools Dr. John Howard presented Ms. Lockett with a "Certificate of Appreciation" and a crystal paperweight engraved with the City of East Orange official seal.

JERSEY CITY—"Art à la Carte," A special celebration of historic reproduction of landmark buildings will be the featured artist. Participants will gather at the studio of Jersey City artist Lisa Portnoff at 7 p.m. \$8, call Jersey City Museum for more info, 201-547-4378.

NOW THRU MARCH 26

NEW YORK CITY—"The Musical Genius of Duke Ellington," Photos, posters, sheet music, etc. on display in the first floor, Museum of the City of New York, Call 212-423-7769 for more info.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

IRVINGTON—Irriving Dept. of Health and Welfare presents a Young Fathers Program. Offering counseling, employment, education, medical/health assistance and much more. Group meets from 12-4 p.m. in the hospital's ambulatory dept. For further information call 399-6124.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 30

MADISON—Photography Exhibition by Paul Strand. Twenty hand gravure photos from Strand's "Mexico portfolio" of 1932-33. Located at the Friendship Library, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 285 Madison Ave., 07040. Free and open to the public. Call (201) 593-6532 for more info.

NOW THRU APRIL 15

PLAINFIELD—The Literacy Volunteers of America-Plainfield will host English language workshop. Plainfield Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave. Every Tues. nights from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Volunteers needed, you do not need to know a second language to train. For more info call 908-757-1111.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 13

NEW BRUNSWICK—Jersey City Art, Comedy West! Leading author, philosopher and teacher will be an exhibit at The Gallery at the Crossroads Theater. Formal opening is Sunday, March 6, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Intricate pen and ink drawings of elegant African figures.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

WESTFIELD—Assessing, Predicting and Intervening in Violent Behavior in the Active Adulthood" topic of seminar from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 300 North Avenue East, to register call 908-233-8810.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

MAHWAH—"Black Religion in America," Yvonne Vincent, author and Yvonne Priestess will be a guest lecturer at Ramapo College. 6:30 p.m. in the Manston York Room. Public invited to attend. For more info call 201-529-7602.

MARCH 10 THROUGH DECEMBER

ELIZABETH—Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders Meetings. Agenda sessions begin at 6:30 p.m., public meetings at 7 p.m. Freeholders meeting room, 6th Fl. Administration Building, Elizabeth, N.J. 07208. Call 201-529-7602.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

MARTINVILLE—Kappa Delta Sorority hosts Annual Shamrock Arts and Crafts show. 9:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. St. Martinville United Methodist Church, Washington Valley Rd. Crafters and vendors needed, please call 908-358-4670 for more info.

SCOTCH PLAINS—Spring Craft Fair sponsored by the Spring County Vocational-Technical Schools will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Baxel Hall, Raritan Regional Center. Call for more info, 908-889-2959.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

NEW BRUNSWICK—"An Evening with Dr. Cornel West!" Leading author, philosopher and teacher will be an exhibit of the issues addressed in the Crossroads Theater Company's production of "And The World Laughs With You." Following the 3 p.m. show. For more info call 494-5561 ext. 18.

WATCHUNG—Mixed Media Workshop,

Donnie Berkowitz, Marcel Truppa, and Virginia Wyllie discuss their work and reveal their secrets in working with mixed media. 6 p.m. at Watching Arts Center, on Watching Circle. \$10 fee, bring materials to work on. For more information call 908-753-7333.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

PLAINFIELD—Sopranos: A One Woman Play. Cecily Peterson will reenact the story of Sojourner Truth, in a one woman play showing her rise from slavery to national prominence. Plainfield Public Library, 8th St. and Park Ave. 7p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

LYNDHURST—Bridal Extravaganza. Medival Times will feature a Bridal Fashion Show. Meet exhibitors who can help you plan your wedding. 10 a.m. - 1:45 p.m. at Rt. 3 & 17 South. 1 mile West of Galesburg. For res. and info call 800-551-EXPO.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

BERKELEY HEIGHTS—Quilt Show. At the Berkeley Heights Library, located at 250 Plainfield Ave. on Saturday, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Sunday show is free. Over 100 Quilts on display. Contact: Jim Fues 908-322-5840.

PLAINFIELD—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3:00 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. This reading: "Fire" by Zora Neale Hurston. For more info call 908-757-1111.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

UNION—21st Annual Information and Referral Seminar, 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon at the Elizabethan Gas Company. Purpose is to update service providers on new programs and changes in aging services.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6

NEWARK—"Let The Poet Speak" Edwin Drew of the African Poetry Theatre, and Ms. A.H. Reynolds of Newark's Gourd Inc. 6:30 p.m. at the Newark Public Library, in the James Brown African American Room. The program is free and open to the public. For more info call 201-733-7793 or 201-733-5411.

Coping

by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner Dealing with the black male machismo

Dear Dr. Faulkner:

There are not enough decent jobs in this country for either black or white people. Why the hell is it that white people discriminate against blacks just because they are afraid that black people want to take their lousy jobs? Is this a phony reason for racism?

Mr. T., Cleveland

Dear Mr. T.:

I don't think for a minute that there is a large scale fear by white people of black people wanting to take their job. If they were true, it could not account for the racial abuse that blacks regularly receive from whites who already have secure jobs which pay high income.

I think that the supposed fear of black people taking jobs from whites is a cop-out. This theory is used by many whites to justify their racial abuse of blacks. Let's look at some important points:

1. Blacks (especially black males) have been extraordinarily successful in athletics. They stand out nationally and, often, internationally, as boxing champions, outstanding football players, and rough and rugged, highly-paid "street fighters." Black males are the world's macho prototypes.

2. Black males have been viewed historically as sexually superior. Even though this stereotype is unjustifiably silly, it is believed by many whites and blacks.

3. Black males, having been stripped by this society of nearly any reason to be self-confident, show-off their machismo. This gives them a reason to be alive. It gives the black man a reason to feel proud of himself.

4. This black male machismo makes many other men feel insecure, especially white males who are the controlling force in this society. They spend huge sums of money to observe black males pushing around their compatriots on the athletic field and in the boxing ring. This produces jealousy and near hatred of the black male. So even though whites spend huge sums of money to watch black athletes perform, they have a deep sense of resentment of the very athletes they supposedly envy.

5. Whites have been able to put the black male in his place in the job market by refusing to give him a job, or by relegating him to a lowly job status.

6. The only way for the white male to put the black male in his place, with respect to black male machismo, is to insult him at every opportunity.

7. Black male machismo has made white males question their own maleness. White males get a psychological resuscitation of their own maleness, if they observe black males in a situation that is harmful, distasteful or destructive to the black male. Their joy is compounded if they can create such a negative situation. Notice the joy that whites cops get in brutalizing black males.

8. In conclusion, most racial insensitivity toward blacks gives whites a way to re-affirm their own worth. They put blacks down in order to lift themselves up.

Life's Little Instructions Once a year, go someplace you've never been before

Race Matters



JERSEY CITY—Dr. Cornel West (left), author of Race Matters and chair of the Department of Afro-American Studies at Princeton University, recently delivered a Jersey City State College Faculty Lecture. Dr. West discussed his book with interested readers. (L-R) Michael R. Strickland, JSC English instructor, Dr. Ariens Graham, JSC assistant vice president of academic affairs, Thabiso Mholo, student and vice president of the college's Government Organization and Dr. Carlos Hernandez, president of the College.

Is Credit A Problem? Easy Guidelines



Let's Face It! Everyone Needs A Credit Card

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National News at a glance

by Robert N. Taylor

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Eric Dwyer warned that gangs rap is "an easy target" and suggested "We should be having a hearing on crime and antisocial music." He was joined by young rapper Erol James of New York who labeled the hearings "just politics."—WASHINGTON, DC

Black Soldiers Being Harassed In Germany: The US military reported last week that black soldiers—especially first sergeants—have been the targets of a racist harassment campaign over the last 18 months. And it appears the bulk of the harassment is coming from white US soldiers. Regimental commander Lt. Col. Phillip Coler said the hate campaign consisted of painting racial epithets on walls, threatening telephone calls and slashing tires. Most of the harassment has taken place at the 4,000-member US military community of Buedingen near Frankfurt. Despite increased actions by German racists and neo-Nazis in that area, they are not believed to be involved.—BERLIN, GERMANY

Blackman's New Death Penalty Influenced By Discrimination: A Court Justice, Harry A. Blackman created a legal controversy last week when he declared that the death penalty is unconstitutional and would be again used to send a man to his or her death. The last justice to consistently oppose the death penalty was Thurgood Marshall who retired in 1991. Like Marshall, Blackman argued in part that there were so many injustices in American society that "the death penalty could never be fairly administered." Blackman is best known for his bold early 1970s constitutional interpretation that women have a right to an abortion. Of the high court's current nine justices, Blackman is the only one who feels the death penalty is both immoral and unconstitutional.—WASHINGTON, DC

Open Admissions Set For Miss Black World Pageant: Organizers of the Miss Black World Beauty and Modeling Pageant set for this fall in Dallas, Texas, have announced that many young ladies may qualify to enter the pageant directly. According to spokesperson Sandra West, "Previously we held that a contestant had to have won a previous pageant. But in order to provide opportunities to more talented young ladies, it will be possible for some contestants to enter without previous pageant experience." Young ladies aged 18 to 24 in the pageant can receive free registration information by writing Miss Black World, PO 65001, Washington, DC 20015.—WASHINGTON, DC

Maryland Lodge Closed For Denying Membership To A Black: National leaders of the Loyal Order of Moose last week closed the group's huge Hagerstown, Maryland lodge after its members rejected a black man trying to become its first minority member. The lodge had over 7,000 members. James Yates had been recommended by a white lodge member.—HAGERSTOWN, MD

Event Sponsorship Recommended As Black Wealth Building Tool: Sponsoring events ranging from financial seminars to beauty pageants can be an excellent way for low and moderate income blacks to start building financial security. So says James Nathan, author of a financial guidebook entitled "Building Wealth By Sponsoring Events." According to Nathan, "Blacks must bring more money into their lives in order to be full US citizens. This guide offers that opportunity for those willing to try something new." The guide—which details strategies for sponsoring successful money making events—is available (\$3.95) from the non-profit Better Life Club of America, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, DC 20038.—WASHINGTON, DC

Black College Reunion Set For April 8-10: The annual Black College Reunion has been set for Daytona Beach, FL, and will run from April 8 to 10. Thousands of black college students from throughout the nation are expected to gather for the event.—DAYTONA BEACH, FL

Time of woman

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lishes reason as the means of resolving disputes and deciding issues at every level of work and existence. The woman of our time is neither victim, complainer, nor sex object; but doer, with clear purpose and firm dedication.

The woman I see is a creative transformer, collective of many women, different, independent, yet integrated in existence and work with all persons and groups who may be distinguished by color, sex, creed, religion, origin or orientation. Woman realizes that just as one race cannot transform the world without integrated effort, so it is with woman. She alone cannot transform the world. But she must insist upon equal representation of her kind at the round table of negotiation. We must be the woman whose time is now.

Negotiations update

BRAAMFONTEIN, SOUTH AFRICA—On February 2nd, President De Klerk declared that the election would be held on April 26th to 28th. Participating parties were required to register within ten days of the announcement. This resulted in February 12th being the new deadline for a decision on participation or otherwise by members of the Freedom Alliance (FA). Although negotiations between the government, the African National Congress (ANC), and the FA are taking place behind closed doors, it seemed at the time of writing as though the government and the ANC were

preparing to accede to the FA demand for separate ballots for provincial and national legislatures. Whether they will also accede to FA's demands for exclusive provincial powers (including taxation), and for incentives to draw up their constitutions without being subject to an override by the central constitutional assembly, was unclear.

Detention without trial

The Transitional Executive Council (TEC), made up of most parties taking part in the elections and charged with 'leveling the playing field', has failed to implement an

earlier parliamentary decision to end detention without trial. The section 29 provisions of the Internal Security Act, which provide for detention without trial will remain in force, although the TEC was under pressure to implement the repeal as originally planned.

National Peacekeeping Force

The National Peacekeeping Force (NPKF)—composed of 3,500 members of the South African Defense Force (SADF), South African Police (SAP), some homeland police and defense forces, and the armed wing of the ANC—is designed to help main-

tain law and order in the immediate run-up to the election. The NPKF is, however, beset with problems, among them ill discipline, drunkenness, and desertions, as well as the withdrawal of some SADF and SAP personnel, and an alleged strike by some instructors. The NPKF's commanding officer, Major General Gabriel Ramushwana, says that the force will not be ready for deployment in time for the election.

Policing

The SAP, in a confidential document drawn up in October 1993, said that it does not have enough manpower to ensure law and order during the meetings of all political parties. The document stated that the SAP would be unable to police more than one political meeting in the same town at the same time.

The SAP said that 260 policemen were murdered in 1993, while 132 committed suicide.

The police unit, the Internal Stability Unit (ISU), was withdrawn from volatile east Rand townships and replaced by the SADF after months of ANC demands for this to happen. The ANC has accused the ISU of fomenting violence, and of favoring the Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP). The IFP has rejected the ISU's withdrawal, saying that the SADF is pro-ANC.

Incidents of coercion The following are recent examples of hindrances on free campaigning (the most recent incidents being listed first):

February • The Tembisa (east Rand) home of a Democratic Party (DP) candidate suffered a stone throwing attack.

• The Transvaal Agricultural Union announced a ban on political activities on some farms. The Orange Free State (OFS) Agricultural Union said that it would stop parties from

establishing branches on farms.

• A roadblock was set up by police of the Bophuthatswana 'homeland', apparently aimed at thwarting a visit by Mr. Nelson Mandela.

• The DP said one of its candidates, who accepted nomination but later denied being a member of the party, had been intimidated by the ANC.

January

The ANC announced that it intended deploying 40,000 of its members to act as marshals at polling booths, and on the routes to polling stations.

• Three black National Party supporters had to be removed by the police from their township homes after being attacked by ANC supporters for welcoming a visit by President De Klerk.

• The Inkatha Freedom Party's (IFP) Kuthabong (east Rand) youth leader said that the IFP would 'have nothing to do with the election because we are not going to contest them'. He added that 'if the ANC comes here I will order my people to kill them'.

• Black businessmen promoting voter education in Natal were the target of a black, said the public affairs director of a black business group.

• The IFP said that pupils who were either politically non-aligned or else supported the IFP were being turned away from three Umhlati (near Durban) schools because ANC membership was compulsory for registration. The ANC denied this and said that the IFP used KwaZulu schools 'as its sole recruitment ground and to propagate its poisonous ideas'.

• The home of a member of the ANC's OFS executive was bombed. The OFS and the western Transvaal have seen 30 blasts on ANC offices, ANC-aligned union offices, railway property, and power lines in the last two months.

Belated Justice

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In January of 1923, White vigilantes descended on the small town of Rosewood, Florida, and went on a history-searing killing spree after a white woman claimed she was molested by a black man. Rosewood, then a predominantly black town located in the swamps of northwestern Florida 40 miles southwest of Gainesville, was the scene of the murder of six black men and the torching of the town, by a white mob totaling 200 to 300 men. However, the news of the tragic incident is just coming to light, as three aging survivors of the "Rosewood Massacre" are now petitioning the Florida legislature for federal claims.

The group of survivors, led by Armet Turner Goin, 79, and Minnie Lee Langley, 80, includes nine other survivors and 45 descendants of people who were killed, are in an unprecedented controversial claims hearing seeking \$7 million in compensation from the state for what happened to their families 71 years ago. They are claiming not only loss of life and property, but psychological damage as well. According to a team of five historians, who were appointed by the Legislature, before Rosewood was burned down, it was a small rural community with three churches, a school, and small industry that included a sugar cane mill and turpentine plant. The plaintiffs' attorney compared them to the victims of a racial holocaust.

The elderly and frail blacks, some of whom are blind, say that the state of Florida, from the local sheriff to the governor, failed to protect the lives and property of the blacks who were in Rosewood at that time and now are liable for damages. "If Rosewood had been a white town surrounded by 400 angry black people, you know it would have received police protection," said Stephen Hanlon, one of the attorneys representing the survivors. The historians appointed by the state, relied

heavily on news accounts that were written at the time, and concluded that law enforcement officers in Rosewood "failed to control local events and to request proper assistance" from then-Governor Cary Hardee.

During the period, Governor Hardee had monitored the events from the state capital, Tallahassee, hundreds of miles away. The case was front-page news throughout the state and nation, but the governor apparently was assured by the local sheriff that the situation was under control. The governor did not send additional law enforcement officers. Subsequently, he did however, initiate a grand jury investigation, which like so many cases in the South of that period, failed to indict anyone.

The Rosewood case is of note to modern-day African Americans because those involved say it may be the first time that black citizens have sought damages from the government to compensate for lynchings and murders that were commonplace following World War I. Recorded during his period were instances of white mobs attacking black sections of Tulsa and Chicago and East St. Louis, Ill.

The attorneys for the Rosewood survivors say their case is unique, at

least in Florida. "We don't know of another case where the state has so much time to react," Hanlon said.

James Peters, a Florida assistant attorney general, agreed that unfortunately, most of the facts of this case are true. "He called the time 'a sorry period in Florida history. We should be ashamed of that, and are.' But, Peters said that state officials are not guilty of gross negligence.

After the claims hearings, state administrative overseers will recommend to the legislature whether it should pay damages. Many legislators are warning that awarding compensation in this case would expose the state to dozens of claims by black families, who may believe the state failed to protect them from angry whites.

Drug use

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terms of distinct possibility that more people may begin using illicit substances again." Borshdel said, "We've already seen the warning signs: Anti-drug attitudes are beginning to soften and reverse, particularly among our youth, and these trends could continue."

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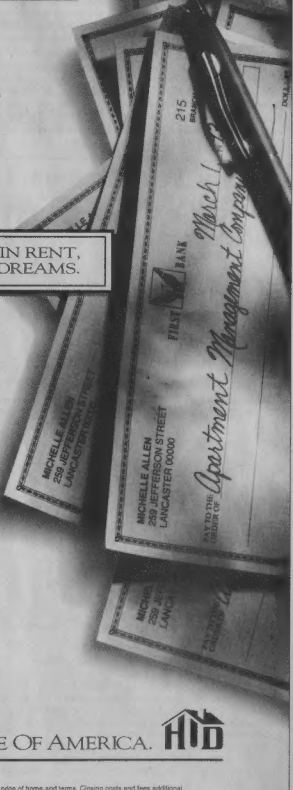
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OPINION EDITORIAL

Black press denied access to Muhammad's speech

We are incensed by the actions of officials at Trenton State College, who denied access to all black and minority press representatives attending the February 28 appearance of Khalid Muhammad.

According to officials at the college's Public Relations department, press credentials were given out to those press representatives who requested them at least two months in advance. Obviously none of the black papers were aware of this arrangement.

We here at City News were not advised of the event until the Morning of February 28. We requested credentials and were told there were none. A reporter was sent to the college but was unable to enter. There was also a representative from the NNPA, Dr. Samuel Alchinson, who was unable to enter. He obtained his information by interviewing students who came outside.

We obtained a list of the press who were invited to cover this event, and well, not one black paper was represented.

Pick up next week's City News for an in depth article on this situation.



NJ residents indicted for receiving Welfare benefits in NY

by Sharon Khadijah Vincent

The announced indictments of 21 Newark, residents for illegally receiving welfare benefits in New York, places the entire system under suspicion once again, and increases the negative perception which many people have about those individuals who receive assistance. Unfortunately, those who abuse and attempt to rip off the system, make it extremely difficult for those with real needs and problems. The funds that are fraudulently taken out of the system, denies and cheats the people who really need help and unfairly burdens the taxpayers.

Investigators from the New York City Human Resources Administration found out about several schemes involving individuals who were receiving welfare benefits in New York and New Jersey. These "double-dipping" schemes were supposedly traced to people who had stayed in homeless shelters and apparently discovered how to apply for welfare benefits in both states. Many of these individuals were discovered with both New York and New Jersey welfare cards when they were picked up for illegally trying to ride the bus without paying the required fare. It's not shocking that many of those arrested and charged with grand larceny for their part in the welfare scheme would help facilitate their own discovery by some stupid attempts to beat a \$1.25 fare.

Officials have estimates that over one million dollars have been illegally collected for welfare benefits by individuals engaged in this "double-dipping" since 1991. This information has prompted requests and demands that states set up coordinated networks to check Social Security numbers and other data from welfare recipients. New York Governor Mario Cuomo has written to New Jersey Governor Christine Whitman and other

er governors in neighboring states requesting their help in ending the fraudulent practice of receiving welfare benefits simultaneously in two states.

The welfare system is in need of much needed changes and reform. President Clinton has stated that this is a top priority for his administration. It's important that the changes which are implemented not unfairly penalize those who have real needs. The majority of people who get assistance are not trying to unfairly rip off the system and should not be punished or penalized for the misdeeds of a few. Those who would characterize people who receive public assistance in stereotypical terms need to be reminded of the truths and not falsehoods or negative images.

There isn't any doubt that the current welfare system has to be changed. Incentives to work and become independent productive citizens have to be part of the overall goals to be accomplished for individuals receiving benefits. Rewards for keeping families together have to replace those assisting in the separation and estrangement of family members. Children shouldn't be made to suffer. They don't get to pick and choose their families. At the same time, individuals who refuse to take responsibility for their conduct and actions shouldn't be rewarded for continuing to make bad decisions and judgments.

Those who scheme to rip off the taxpayers, need to be punished to the fullest extent that the law allows. If we have enough smarts and know how to actually follow through on what obviously must be several well planned and thought out schemes to file papers and falsify documents then you can use these skills to go look for a job. Whatever the excuses or reasons cited as reasons for these plans, have to be rejected if we are to uphold the integrity of the overall system.

by Conni Woodruff

There's been a mad rush among potential candidates for Newark's mayor-council elections to get petitions signed before the March 7th deadline.

Unfortunately, some would-be candidates have discovered to their dismay that many of the signatures acquired cannot be validated by the city clerk.

Too many of the anxious wannabe candidates are gathering signatures in a haphazard, irresponsible manner like grabbing passers-by on any old street corner or showing petitions in front of people at bus stops, the train station and neighborhood bars.

Going door-to-door in some neighborhoods won't work either. Folks simply won't open their doors for strangers no matter how well-dressed or honest they may look. Newark isn't that kind of community in these days of crime.

As of today (March 3) it appears that incumbents, including Mayor James, will face opposition.

There is a possibility that 10 men and women will challenge Mayor James. Among them will be Ras Baraka, son of activist Amiri Baraka, one of the architects who helped elect Newark's first black mayor. Young Mr. Baraka was having some difficulty with his petitions that will hopefully be straightened out by filing time.

Another 18 candidates have taken council-at-large petitions in addition to Mildred Crump (making a third try), Deputy Mayor Luis Quintana and Lee Fisher (who's

been knocking at the door a long time).

Central Ward Councilman George Branch must be wondering what happened? With two weeks to go, a record number of eight men and women are itching for the chance to challenge him on May 10th.

Even the South Ward seems to be up in arms to the surprise of Council Don Bradley and his supporters where four people, including a former loser, Brenda Roberson, are ready to take on the popular leader who succeeded Congressman Don Payne.

For some reason, a '60's activist, Richard Avant is among four West Warders willing to take on Senator Ronald Rice.

In the North several Latinos will enter the fray against long time Italian Councilman Tony Carmo. In recent years Hispanics have become the dominant ethnic in this once Italian stronghold. It remains to be seen which faction will win the support of the North Ward Democratic chairman, Fran Adubato.

East Ward councilman Hank Martinez usually has little to worry about but with a growing Portuguese population in the "Ironbound," there will be at least 23 challengers from the Portuguese community.

What has prompted this flurry of candidates? Some people truly think it's time for a change on the Newark City Council and others are trying to take advantage of the problems confronting Councilman-at-Large Gary Harris and Ralph Grant. The vacancy left by the resignation of Marie Villani has also buoyed the hopes of others.

As of this writing, Mildred Crump

by Brett Worthman

I was excited and eager to see Minister Louis Farrakhan's Second Day of Mourning at Trenton State College. I went to hear Dr. Muhammad's speech at Trenton State College. Due to the recent media exposure he has gained, thanks to the Anti-Defamation League, I knew a crowd of substantial size was going to be on hand. However, I had an upper hand on the masses of people. I am a part of the press. As I arrived at Trenton State College for his 7:30 speech, I was surprised to see about one hundred police officers present. Most of these police officers were NJ State Troopers, and about half of them were in complete riot gear, sticks drawn, helmets on, and chest protection. In front of them were two groups one, white protesters, the other, black protesters.

The theme of this night was along this stratified color line. This night's story really begins in November of 1993 when Dr. Muhammad gave his speech at Keen College. Since that speech the tri-state area media has been salivating at the chance to view him again. Not only has the media been waiting in anticipation, but so has the Trenton State College officials. They saw the chance to make money and they capitalized by changing this event from free to \$3.

The event was held at the student center which could seat 244 persons. Tickets had gone on sale Friday, February 25. The word on the campus was that the tickets were sold out within 90 minutes. Both the students and the public waited on line for hours to obtain a ticket. One student said, "I was surprised to see so many whites in line to buy tickets, the ratio was about 4 to 1 (whites to blacks)." This student struck me to be very odd. I questioned the intentions of the white students. Were they generally interested in what the brother had to say? Or were they attempting to discredit him? Or were there ulterior motives? Answer to my questions surfaced. Ulterior motives drove their desire. Many black students complained that the white students had bought tickets and in protest refused to attend.

This act did not surprise me. However, I wondered how scholarly

this was. An institution of higher education, such as Trenton State College, is to foster and develop thought; it is supposed to expose one to diverse ideas and philosophies; it is supposed to open one's mind and broaden it. To these students, both white and black have never been exposed to the philosophies of Dr. Muhammad. So I ask again, how scholarly is this institution to permit the ripping of tickets, to allow the press to fall short in ingraining and fostering thought in their students? This action seemed to have a tint of racism. How could a racist tone develop on a college campus? Colleges are supposed to be an area of open expression and trade of views and ideas, not of political stifling due to race.

As the night continued, I understood the racist tone of Trenton State College. One of the plethora of black reporters, who was also not allowed entry, made an interesting observation. He observed no black Police officers present. Why would black officers be present at a black affair? They could have functioned as a liaison between the public and the police, if something dangerous were to have happened. But there were none present, although they were sorely needed. I do not quite understand why Trenton State College officials would not request black officers to be present at such a function during such a flammable time.

Not only should this question be answered, but another problem definitely needs immediate attention. While waiting outside with my comrades, police had informed us that the Director of the Student Center had contacted the media. The officer then went on to say that a list of the media was generated by the Director and only the media on the list could enter. Interestingly enough, there was no black press on the list. How could Trenton State College invite Dr. Muhammad to speak, but not invite the black press? Something is incorrect here. This is blatantly racist!

Now I can understand the actions of Trenton State College students. If the administration is carrying their affairs in a racist manner, why should the students be any different from the administrators? Trenton State College should be seriously investigating the shortcomings listed in this letter and correct themselves. I believe it only just that Trenton State College officials acknowledge their wrongs and make a public apology. The black press should not stand for incidents like this to occur.

As I See It...

appears to be the front runner for a council-at-large seat.

Crump announced her candidacy at a fancy get together attended by some four hundred guests representing a cross-section of ethnicities that made the group that much more interesting.

Local elected officials from city, county and state were in full force, most of them speaking about the candidate in glowing terms just short of official endorsements.

It didn't matter. They were there in living color and that was an indication of her recognition as a major player in Newark's favorite game.

For the past four years, Crump has been a non-stop supporter of senior citizens, youth groups, women's groups, church groups and the homeless and handicapped. She has missed very few public events except when her late husband's illness prevented her from attending.

The question is whether or not this super involvement in community affairs will translate into votes. We think it will, especially among the people she has testified for at municipal council meetings and before county and state governing bodies.

Life will go on for Ralph Grant and so will his annual Palm Sunday breakfast at the Robert Treat Hotel.

Gary Harris' annual breakfast also went on as scheduled. Gary jumped out ahead of the crowd by giving one of his community awards to Lorna Hooks, the new Secretary of State. It pays to have a reminder of

ones admiration in high places.

The sound of gospel still ring in the rafters of Metropolitan Baptist Church (Springfield Ave, Newark), Saturday, April 9th when New Life XSA Group, Inc., celebrates its first anniversary.

This is a not-to-be-missed program for lovers of gospel music. The New Life group sings from the heart because for all of them spirituality is a new life. The group are recovering alcohol and drug abusers who have come through an educational, out-reach program directed by Lady G' Dancy and Minister Calvin Lane.

Bishop D.L. Dupree, Jr., Pastor of the Solid Rock True Holiness Church in Boston will be M.C. and special guest. The public is invited to join in the fellowship and support of these young people whose motto is "Look Where He Brought Me From." The program will begin at 7:00 p.m. Donation: \$10.

The Montclair Women's Commission presented the Jean Henningburg Humanitarian Award to Mary Singletary, Director of the Montclair YWCA's Senior Citizen Program. The annual breakfast celebrating Women's History Month was also an opportunity for Secretary of State Lorna Hooks to address the movers and shakers in her hometown. The week Singletary, a member of the United Nations Women's Club will introduce New Jersey's popular Governor, Christine Todd Whitman as the keynote speaker for the club's annual luncheon.

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Family Math & Science workshop series is designed to stimulate children's natural interest in math and science. It also gives parents the information they need to assist their children.

For further information on how to bring the Family Math & Science series to your church or community organization please call 201-624-9535.

NJSBA conference to explore technology's impact on schools

TRENTON—Three of the Northeast's leaders in technology and communications recently addressed the high-tech revolution that is looming for the state's public schools during the New Jersey School Boards Association's Education Technology Conference held February 26-27 in Long Branch. More than 500 local school district officials attended the event.

According to Carolyn Smith, NJSBA president, the Association is offering the conference to help school districts make serious, long-term decisions about implementing new technologies in their education programs and administration. "Technology has evolved tremendously since the first micro-computers entered our schools a decade ago. Today technology means much more than simply buying hard-

NJ high school students to participate in Lincoln-Douglas debates

East Brunswick—High School debate teams across New Jersey will have the opportunity again this year to enter Chemical Bank's Lincoln-Douglas Debate competition, to argue the issue, "Resolved: That genetic manipulation of nature is immoral."

Debaters and their coaches recently attended a meeting at Chemical Bank's headquarters to hear the details of this year's competition.

Dr. Arnold J. Levine, Chairman of the Molecular Biology Department at Princeton University provided in-depth background material on the

issue of genetic manipulation to help the students and their coaches prepare for the debate.

Inspired by the famous 1858 Illinois Senate debates between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas, the competition is designed to enhance students' communication, research and critical thinking skills. Unlike the usual one-on-one debate format, teams of three students compete in one of two tiers: experienced or inexperienced. This format gives more students the chance to participate.

The actual debate competition through semi-finals will be a day-

long event on May 12 at Rutgers University. The finals will be held at the end of May at New Jersey Network's TV studios in Trenton, and then broadcast in prime time.

Each winning team member will receive \$500. A Lincoln-Douglas Debate trophy, each runner-up team member receives \$250 and a Lincoln-Douglas scholastic jacket, with the runner-up schools each receiving a plaque and \$125. All students enter-

ing the competition receive savings bonds or monetary awards in increasing amounts depending on how far they advance.

Last year's competition resulted in spirited debates on the subject of cultural diversity between East Orange High School and East Brunswick High School in the Inexperienced Tier, and Science High School (Newark) and Hamilton East

High School (Trenton) in the Experienced Tier. East Orange and Science High Finished as the 1993 champions.

The competition is open to public high schools statewide. For information regarding competition training and registration, please contact Sherri Treseder at Chemical Bank New Jersey at 908-220-3134.

NJIT introduces Female In Engineering to high school girls

NEWARK—Fifty elementary school girls from across the state have been chosen to participate in a new National Science Foundation funded program entitled "Introduction to Females in Engineering: Methods Motivation and Experience" (FEMME), sponsored by New Jersey Institute of Technology's Center for Pre-College Programs.

Introduction to FEMME is a unique program that gives fourth and fifth grade girls the opportunity to enhance their math and science skills, improve self-esteem and self-confidence, and learn about careers in math, science and engineering, fields in which women are traditionally underrepresented.

According to Rosa Cano, co-director of the Intro. to FEMME Program and assistant director of the Center for Pre-College Programs, NJIT is the only university in the state that offers this type of "total experience" program for such young students free of charge. All books, materials and lunch are provided and each student receives a stipend to help cover transportation costs.

The first phase of the Intro. to FEMME program begins this month and includes one, two-and-a-half-hour class each month through June. The summer segment runs from July 5-29 and consists of classes five days a week from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. A special fall follow-up workshop will be held on September 24.

"The classes are designed to be as fun as they are educational," says Cano. "We wanted the students to spend as little time as possible in a traditional classroom setting, so we are holding classes in NJIT's chemis-

try and computer laboratories where they will conduct hands-on experiments in science, chemistry, math and engineering. The girls will also be split into groups and compete against each other in math and science Olympics events. Field trips to industrial sites, guest lectures by women professionals, A "Take Our Daughters to Work Day" that pairs students with NJIT women mentors for a day have also been scheduled to give the girls a more well rounded experience."

It was originally planned that only 25 girls would be accepted, the number funded by the \$75,000 NSF grant. However when officials saw the quantity and quality of applicants, it was decided that more girls would be accepted, than anticipated. The program is now trying to locate additional funds and find outside corporate

support to cover the additional students.

Cano expects great results from this program. "At the end of this year I hope to have a group of 50 girls who may or may not pursue careers in science and math, but will be aware of the opportunities available to them, be secure in the knowledge that they can do well in math and science—no matter what anyone else tells them, experience increased self-confidence and assertiveness, and be motivated to excel in other math and science courses," she adds. "We plan to keep the momentum going by expanding the program an extra year for the same girls, if our new grant proposal is accepted by NSF once the girls reach seventh grade we will be able to incorporate them into many of the other pre-college programs NJIT offers including the original FEMME program."



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A woman of substance

Dr. Shirley Jackson is a physicist who has conducted pioneering research on subjects such as elementary particles, charged, density waves in layered compounds and polaric aspects of electrons on the surface of liquid helium films. Dr. Shirley Jackson was the first black woman to receive a doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, in 1973. Currently on the faculty at Rutgers University, Dr. Jackson has also held positions at the Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, the European Organization for Nuclear Research and at AT&T Bell Laboratories. In 1986, she was elected a fellow of the American Physical Society for her research accomplishments.

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Watching Arts Center hosts third annual children's art exhibit

WATCHUNG—Spring is coming, believe it or not, and it is time for another art exhibit for and by children, hosted by the Watching Arts Center. It is open to all New Jersey children grades 1 to 10. All media, including sculpture, will be accepted, however no entries in crayons or markers, will be accepted. All must be original work no copies, prints or photographs are eligible.

Each submission must relate to the theme "Hello, Spring!"

Children may submit up to three pieces for the single entry fee of \$7.50 (\$5 for Watching Arts Center members). Checks should be made payable to the WAC Visual Arts Foundation. Two dimensional work should be matted or framed for display. Max-

imum dimension, including frame, is 16 x 20 inches. Sculpture should not exceed an 18 inch cube in size.

Work must be submitted at the Arts Center for judging either Tuesday or Friday, April 7 and 8, from 12:30 through 4:30, or Saturday, April 9 from 10 AM through 1 p.m. Examples of submissions from each entrant will be displayed in the Watching Arts Center's Studio from April 11 through 28.

Best of Show ribbons for this Third Annual Children's Art Exhibit will be awarded in categories covering five grade levels. A reception, including entertainment and award presentation, will be held for the children on Sunday, April 17, from 2-4 p.m. For further information, call 908-753-0190.

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Religious Calendar

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

PLAINFIELD—"One Hundred Fifty Years of Church Music," at the Crescent Avenue Presbyterian Church, 716 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, NJ 08060. Led by Dr. Walter Schurz, music director and composer at Crescent Ave. Church.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

TEANECK—"The internationally known 'Cumberland Boys' will perform at Fairleigh Dickinson's Library Auditorium, River Road (south of Rt. 4) at 8 p.m. Sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Teaneck. For more information call 201-639-6333.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

IRVINGTON—A gospel extravaganza. The roots of Gospel. Featuring, Sister Sadie & the Famous Sisters, Voices of the Folk, and the Irvington High School Gospel Choir. 4 p.m. at Irvington High School. 201-242-6110 for ticket information.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26

ESSEX COUNTY—Benefit Dinner Dance, sponsored by St. Mary's Chapter No. 3, O.E.S. (a.k.a. Women of Distinction).

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George Hampton honored for community service to Newark

by Kaylyn Dines

George Hampton, Vice President of Urban Planning and Community Relations for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) in Newark, was recently honored for his on-going commitment to improve the greater Newark area.

The SHRP (School of Health Related Professions) African-American Heritage Committee selected Hampton as the 1994 recipient, for his accomplishments which include serving as Chairman of the University Heights Condominium Association, Vice-Chairman of the University Heights Neighborhood Development Corporation, and several other community-based organizations.

Committee Chairperson Barbara Baskerville and the SHRP Dean Dr. David Gibson, committee member Clint Dozier referred to Hampton as a "local hero."

According to Dozier, "Hampton is a tall tree in a forest. A tall tree in a forest with a clear view, a tall tree in a forest with a clear view, something operating in a land of confusion."

Greeted with smiles and applause, Hampton addressed the audience, not from behind the podium, but up front and close to the people. He spoke of "nourishing" the success of our young people and creating a Science Park High School where technology will



be brought to Newark.

Chuckles were heard throughout the room as Hampton told stories of the popular trends he encountered while growing up, and he linked the past with the present outcome. "I tried to get a 'fro,' but it just didn't work, so I gave up."

He stated that back in the 60's the way of thinking among men was "if you can succeed in prison, then you're a real man."

The Rutgers alumnus linked the prison mindset with the dress code of today's young people. "Shagging" the drooping pants look, originated from the beltless prison style. We have a culture that praises the prison concept. Unfortunately, in today's society guns and violence are "idolized." Although Hampton feels the media perpetuates negative stereotypes of our youth, he also feel our youth

sub-freezing temperatures for news of a tirade that never came.

Yet, if Trenton State's campus was spared an immediate explosion, a small but distinct ticking sound could nonetheless be detected from the comments of some of the students, most notable were the remarks of some of the young people who were attracted to Muhammad in the first place.

For example, 26-year-old Force, one of several members of the Five Percent Nation whom I interviewed, says that Muhammad has helped him to understand and define the conditions under which African Americans live. Musai, a 20-year-old Rastafarian, is attracted by what he refers to as Muhammad's emphasis on urban-building skills. Specifically, he favors black reinvestment into urban communities, a radical reconstruction of school curriculum "to change people's world view," and citizenship for blacks in both the US and nations in Africa.

To be sure, all of the concerns these young people expressed are valid. Moreover, many of the solutions they propose have been put forth by both blacks and whites for generations. What is true and new, however, is the premise upon which these concerns are based.

Five Percent doctrine (and that of Khalid Muhammad's Nation of Islam) holds that whites are, by nature, demonic, for they are observations of the original man, who was black. By contrast, say these young adherents, the black man reflects the true nature

of God and is, in fact, divine. This theological dichotomy sets up a situation where trust between the races can never be built, because the presupposition upon which it is based asserts that blacks and whites are like oil and water—they cannot mix. Such claims are no different than those of the Ku Klux Klan, which has always insisted that the races must be kept separate to maintain the "purity" of both.

Perhaps the logical end of this line of thinking is seen most clearly in the comments of Wayne, a 23-year-old Keen College senior. For him, the attraction to Khalid Muhammad and the Nation of Islam is based purely on race. "There is no other organization

like the Nation of Islam," he says, "because it's all black. No other organization, the NAACP—none of them—it's like the Nation of Islam. Whites can't control the Nation of Islam's finances or anything else, because they can't get in."

For a generation of angry young people, whose roots are not grounded in the religious traditions and values of their elders, such an attraction is a troublesome sign. For the appeal is based purely on a fascination with power, without the moral foundation with which to govern it.

We have ended to demagogues the ability to influence our youth. May God grant us grace to reclaim what we have lost.

Volunteers needed for Easter Seals volleyball challenge

EAST BRUNSWICK—The Easter Seal Society of New Jersey (ESSNJ) are looking for volunteers to participate in the Scripex Volleyball Challenge. Six-member teams, with players of all abilities, can enjoy fun competition with teams of similar playing ability in a three-game match format. Each team may have up to four substitutes. The registration fee is \$150 per team.

Locations for the Scripex Volleyball Challenge are:
March 12-13: Spotswood High School (Spotswood, N.J.)
March 19: Princeton Day School (Princeton, N.J.)
March 19-20: Camden County College (Blackwood, N.J.)
April 9-10: County College of Morris (Randolph, N.J.)

All proceeds from the Scripex Volleyball Challenge will benefit ESSNJ. For registration information call 1-800-468-0027.

Scripex jeans days with a twist

EAST BRUNSWICK—April 22 is a Scripex Jeans Day with a Twist for the Easter Seal Society of New Jersey (ESSNJ).

To participate, purchase a Scripex Jeans Day with a Twist button for \$2. The button indicates you to wear your most formal, casual or creative attire on April 22.

"Scripex Jeans Day with a Twist is a fun event and an easy way for everyone to help out their neighbors with disabilities by supporting Easter Seal programs in New Jersey," said MacLean. For further information on Scripex Jeans Day with a Twist call ESSNJ, please call 1-800-468-0027.

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Hudson	28,240	Union	39,520
Warren	\$30,880		

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Health Calendar

EVERY MONDAY

EDISON—Free educational series for individuals and families affected by drug and alcohol abuse. 7 to 8 p.m. at the JFK Medical Center. For information call 609-634-7910.

EVERY TUESDAY

IRVINGTON—The Irvington Health Center holds free food testing, and offers WIC program vouchers to qualifying families, from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Walk-ins are welcome.

NEW YORK CITY—Upper Manhattan Task Force on AIDS provides services and counseling for those infected by HIV/AIDS. Please call for more info. 212-369-0800.

EVERY WEDNESDAY

PLAINFIELD—The regular monthly meeting of the Family Support Group of Union County will be held at 10:30 a.m. at The Arc Administration Building, 1225 South Avenue, Plainfield.

EVERY MONDAY-THURSDAY

BELLE MEAD—Bright Futures for Kids, free counseling and educational group for 4 to 12 year-olds in families with alcohol problems. Mon-Thurs, 6:30-8 p.m. Children come once a week for 12 weeks. Carrier Foundation, Route 601, Call 908-261-1515.

EVERY SATURDAY OR SUNDAY

BELLE MEAD—Co-dependency Weekend Program, free program for families and friends of people dependent on alcohol/drugs. Six sessions 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carrier Foundation, Rt. 601, Call 908-261-1515.

EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

BELLE MEAD—Family Weekend Program, free discussion/support group for gaining a better understanding of mental illness and learning coping skills. 1 to 2 p.m. Carrier Foundation, Rt. 601, Call 908-261-1515.

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President Clinton signs order to eliminate environmental racism

by Ron Nixon

Responding to charges that the poor and minority communities face a disproportionate level of risk from environmental pollution, President Bill Clinton signed an executive order on February 12, mandating that federal agencies identify and eliminate racial inequalities from their environmental policies.

The order comes after more than a decade of environmental activism from grassroots organizations led by people of color. The movement first gained national attention following the 1982 protest of a hazardous waste dump by black residents in Warren County, North Carolina.

The order will have a significant impact on environmental issues that disproportionately affect minority communities such as lead poisoning, air pollution, exposure to pesticides and water pollution.

"All Americans have a right to be protected from pollution—not just those who can afford to live in the cleanest

and safest communities," President Clinton declared after signing the order. "Today, we direct federal agencies to make environmental justice a part of all that they do."

Those involved in the struggle against environmental discrimination called the order an important step toward eliminating environmental racism. "This order says that at the highest level of government, environmental justice is being taken seriously," said Robert Bullard, author of "Dumping in Dixie," a study of environmental racism in the South. "This makes federal agencies protect everyone equally. No longer will environmental protection be excluded from civil rights."

Charles Lee, of the United Church of Christ's Commission on Racial Justice, agrees. "This order touches on the key points we in the environmental justice movement want to deal with and sets a clear direction for federal agencies to follow."

The order directs federal agencies to:

Examine their programs for

adverse health or environmental effects on low-income and minority communities.

Consider health hazards and environmental risks facing the poor and minorities when conducting research.

Ensure that disadvantaged communities have access to public information on health and the environment.

Conduct all environmental activities in a manner that does not discriminate against the poor and minorities.

Federal agencies have one year to implement an environmental strategy that addresses and identifies environmental inequities in their policies, programs and activities.

The presidential order came during a four-day conference held in nearby Atlanta, Virginia, on research needs and environmental justice. The conference marked the first collaboration between community groups and government agencies in addressing the problem of environmental racism.

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THROUGH MARCH 11

NEWARK—"Sign Language" A multi-media exhibit of work by contemporary regional artists using signs & symbols. City Without Walls Gallery, For hours and information call 201-242-1188.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

PATERSON—"American Odyssey" Ann Henson Pilot, of the Boston Symphony as guest at the Shea Center Concert at 8 p.m. For information call, William Paterson College, at 201-935-3866.

NEWARK—"Sweet Honey in the Rock," 8 p.m. at Newark Symphony Hall. Tickets on sale for \$20. Call 201-242-0500 for ticket information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Public Library presents its 93-94 Cultural Series 2:45 p.m. Pristine Gospel Ensemble, 211 South Arlington Avenue.

SOMERSET—"The Philharmonic Orchestra of New Jersey," will sponsor a series of chamber concerts for singles in the Somerset County area. Basking Ridge Country Club, 185 Madisonville Rd., 908-766-6200.

MARCH 22-27

WESTBURY NY—Westbury Music Fair Presents, Johnny Mathis in concert. All shows are at 8 p.m. except Sunday, 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Westbury Music Fair's box office. Call 516-333-7228 for more info.

MADISON—Carly Churcho's "Top Girls," a multidimensional feminist comedy which focuses on women and their relationship with life and men. Dryden Theatre, Fairleigh Dickinson University, 285 Madison Ave. 8:30 p.m., Saturday 8:30 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m. Call 201-593-8861 for more information.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

MADISON—The Louie Gordon Jazz Trio appears at TDJ's "Cafe Musique" at 8 p.m. followed by live dance music. For reservations and more information call 201-993-8620.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

NEW BRUNSWICK—Single Mingle Night at Crossroads Theatre Company. "When water is running out of the tap" home. For more information call 908-249-5581.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

NEWARK—"Forces of Nature," will be performed at Montclair High School at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$12 and may be obtained by calling The Woodson Foundation, at 201-242-8110.

SUNDAY, APRIL 24

EAST ORANGE—East Orange Public Library presents its 93-94 Cultural Series 2:45 p.m. Long Hill Chapel Hand Bell Choir, 211 North Arlington Avenue.

SATURDAY, JUNE 4

MADISON—"The Barber of Seville" opera is staged at the Dryden Theatre at Fairleigh Dickinson University at 7 p.m. For ticket info, call 201-935-8620.

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BET to host Mandela freedom fund telethon

WASHINGTON—BET will sponsor a 5 1/2 hour telethon to support the Mandela Freedom Fund on Tuesday, March 22 at 6 p.m. EST. The program will feature the U.S. premier of the documentary *Hold Up The Sun*, a five-part series dealing with the African National Congress' (ANC) struggles to end Apartheid in South Africa.

According to Robert Johnson, president of BET, "this is BET's way of making a contribution to help South Africa's transition into democracy." *Hold Up The Sun* includes never-before-seen archival footage and photos of the organization's efforts to bring equality for black Africans. Interspersed into the footage are present-day interviews with internationally acclaimed leaders Nelson Mandela, Oliver Tambo, Bishop Desmond Tutu and Walter Sisulu, all of whom give first-hand accounts of their participation in the struggle for

a democratic South Africa.

The entire presentation will be recorded, utilizing the documentary as the vehicle to enlighten viewers on the ANC's decades-long struggle. Throughout the program, appeals from well-known celebrities will encourage viewers to make contributions to the fund via a 900 number which will appear through the show.

Celebrities participating in the telethon include Bill Cosby, Morgan Freeman, Danny Glover, Whoopi Goldberg, Arsenio Hall, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congressman Kweisi Mfume, Randall Robinson, Denzel Washington, and Oprah Winfrey.

Viewers calling to contribute will be charged \$15, with more than 60 percent of the proceeds benefiting the Mandela Freedom Fund. The remainder of the fees will cover the cost of the call. BET will not receive any money from the calls.

Ragtime Piano at Watchung Arts Center

WATCHUNG—The Watchung Arts Center will bring classical lovers and jazz fans together for an evening of ragtime piano on Friday, March 25. A performance will be given by Tex Wyndham, historian, critic and energetic pianist. Tickets for the 8 p.m. concert are \$10, for reservations call 908-753-0190.



Take 6 to perform at Crossroads

NEW BRUNSWICK—The breathtaking a cappella harmonies of Take 6, the Grammy Award-winning pop inspirational group, will headline Crossroads Theatre Company's "Crossroads at the State" event for four concerts, March 24-27. Performances at the neighboring State Theatre on Livingston Avenue will be at 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 24, 25 and 26, and 4 p.m., Sunday, March 27. Take 6 composes most of its own music and utilizes the extraordinary vocal capabilities of its six talented members as "instruments." The group has earned its place as one of the most meteoric in popular music. The ensemble has its roots at Oakwood College, a Seventh-day Adventist institution in Huntsville, Ala., where its members began singing together, first as a quartet and later as a sextet. Their first recording contract with Warner Bros./Reprise Records was signed in 1987 after they were heard by a company executive at a Nashville showcase. Their awards include three Grammys, four Dove Awards, two Stellar Awards and nominations for the NAACP Image Award. For ticket information call the Crossroads box office at 908-249-5560.

Sounder to air on AHN

NEW YORK—For the month of March, AHN will showcase as its "Movie of the Month" *Sounder* starring Cicely Tyson, Paul Winfield and Kevin Hooks.

Sounder is a powerful story which explores the strengths and determination of a black sharecropper family and their loyal bond. *Sounder*. The family is entrenched in the tradition of racial prejudice. Kevin Hooks, an excellent young boy who goes on a desperate search to find his father, Paul Winfield, who has been imprisoned for stealing a ham to feed his family. During his search, the young boy learns major lessons of not losing hope as well as maintaining human spirit and pride. Despite the diverse obstacles that threaten the cohesion of the family, the family is never deterred from their quest for survival.

AHN's "Movie of the Month" series is the first feature film package with an all African-American focus. Hosted by television, stage, and movie stars Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, and shown on 88 stations nationally, the series features a cross section of films intended to show the variety of movies starring or made by African-Americans since movie making began.

Celebrate Black Press Month. Read a positive black Newspaper.



The Scoop

by Janice Malone

Hairy Situation? People in the hair care biz are still buzzin about the recent lawsuit that a major white hair-care manufacturer supposedly filed against a major black hair-care manufacturer. Our sources report the big mess started late last year when the black-owned corporation somehow discovered the model's photos, layouts and box design for a new product line. The white company was about to launch. The black company also liked the photos and decided to use them for their own upcoming new product line! So the white corporation decided to sue and the end results of the settlement were that the black company couldn't use the photos and reportedly had to destroy nearly two million empty boxes they had ordered with those ever-so-likable photos, layout and design.

A Big Payback? Our sources say MTV reportedly paid the Godfather of Soul, James Brown, \$300,000 for an exclusive interview. Did they or didn't they? Only MTV's bank account and the Godfather's accountants know for sure!

Hot Dog? Be on the lookout for Snoppy Doggy to be the musical guest on Saturday Night Live, March 19th. New York City area Dogg fans can catch Mr. Dogg in concert March 5th in Queens at the Queens Club Trafalgar Square. Biz Markie will be the guest DJ.

Workin' Man? Wesley Snipes' new movie *Sugar Hill* opened last week and he's already working on his next three movies! This month, he stars filming *Drop Zone*, in which he plays a sky-diving, lawman, who's after a group of bank robbers who killed his brother. Then he stars filming *To Wong Foo, Thanks For Everything, Thank You, Goodnight*, in which he plays a drag queen. And, finally, his third film will be called *Money Train*, which will reunite him with the *White Men Can't Jump* co-star Woody Harrelson.

Road Warriors: Coming to a city near you for a concert this month will be DRS, Silk, Domino, DAS EFX and INTRO. Their tour ends at the end of April, but will crank up again in May as the rappers become the opening acts for Hammer's grandiose tour.

3 Cops and You're Out? The principal filming for the new "Beverly Hills Cop 3" is finished and Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis are wrapping up the sound track. Meanwhile, Eddie Murphy's supposedly looking for his next film. But early last year a major Hollywood movie studio executive was quoted as reportedly saying that if "Beverly Hills Cop 3" doesn't make the kind of box office dollars the studio's "needs" are looking for, Eddie's days as a major box office star could be numbered.

The Magic Touch: Look for Magic Johnson to host one of those—yet another—celebrity interview specials. He's scheduled to interview Whoopi Goldberg, Shaq O'Neal, Garth Brooks, Rosanne and Tom Arnold. Is there really anything left to ask these two of people? The special airs March 15th on the Fox Network. Arsenio Hall is the executive producer and Malcolm Jamal Warner directs the hour-long special. Also look for this trio to do a special video project on AIDS prevention.

And Finally: Aretha Franklin's new album, *Greatest Hits 1960-1994*, includes three new tracks among the collection. *A Deeper Love*, written and produced by C-and-C Music Factory, was featured in the 1993 movie, *Sister Act Two: Honey*, written by Babyface and *Willie To Forgive*. The rest of the album is compiled of classic hits from Mrs. Franklin's gold mine of hits from nine previous Arista albums.

A Must Read: "Scoop" readers, run up your favorite bookstore and get a copy of the new book *Beitrayed By My Other Name*, by Dr. Khalid Abdullah Tanq Al-Mansour. And look for an interview with Dr. Mansour right here, very soon.

The Power, Passion and Pain of Black Love

NEW YORK—What is the secret to finding a mate? Why is it that we do a better job choosing our cars, clothes, houses, and careers than selecting a mate? You'll learn the answers to these thought-provoking questions and more in Dr. Kwanza Kunjufu's latest book, *The Power, Passion and Pain of Black Love*.

Much has been said about the current condition of male and female relationships. Negative stereotypes and generalizations about the opposite sex have become so common, they are an accepted part of our daily language. How can we move away from this antiquated perception of each other to a more holistic approach to relationships? *The Power, Passion and Pain of Black Love* gives readers the opportunity to evaluate the status of their own relationship.

In *The Power, Passion and Pain of Black Love*, Dr. Kunjufu provides anecdotes and narratives which serve as a backdrop for discussing significant aspects of relationships. The book's chapters on relationship is-

sues, the black male shortage and values, all provide the reader with an in-depth look into the status of our involvement with each other as black men and women.

Dr. Kunjufu is a noted author of more than 12 books. He is a renowned educator and president of African-American Images, a multi-million dollar communications company based in Chicago. Some of his latest books include, *Countering the Conspiracy to Destroy Black Boys*, *Volumes I, II, and III*; *Hip-Hop versus MAAAT: A Psycho-Social Analysis of Values*, *Black Economics: Solutions for Economic and Community Empowerment*, *Developing Positive Self Images in Black Children*, *Motivating and Preparing Black Youth for Success*, *Lessons From History*, and many more.

The Power, Passion and Pain of Black Love, is now in paperback and can be found in African-American book stores across the country. For additional information, please call 212-736-0404.

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Box 908-727-3000	
March - 18th Regina Bell	March - 30th Dave Koz
April - 9th Phylliss Hyman	April - 10th Bobby Caldwell
March - 31st Stanley Jordan	April - 21st Rachelle Ferrell George Duke Jonathan Butler

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NEWARK—Free tax help for seniors. A.R.P. will be offering free help to seniors with their 1993 tax returns. Newark Public Library, 110 Davidson St., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., by appointment only. For more info call 201-733-7734.

NOW - MAY 14

JERSEY CITY—Jersey City State College Admissions Test (LSAT) Review. This course is designed to help law school candidates prepare for the LSAT. Classes meet on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Tuition is \$135.00. To register call 201-300-3889.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

SOMERSET—The New Jersey Economy Under The Clinton Administration...Can She Do It? 11:30 a.m. reception, 12 noon lunch. Featured speaker, Donald M. Scarly, Ph.D. Members \$25, non-members \$35. RSVP: O. Box 553, Somerville NJ 08876.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15-22

PATERSON—Choosing Interactive Software For Macintosh. The Paterson College will offer a two evening workshop designed to help select, integrate, and evaluate software for Macintosh computers. 5 to 9 p.m., call 201-596-2436.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

SOUTH ORANGE—Career Night - Workforce 2000. Seton Hall University's annual career Night program is to inform students of the new challenges and opportunities they can expect to encounter in the workplace. Call 201-761-9355 for more information.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

BRIDGEWATER—Small Business Council. "How Do We Affect Change in Our Organizations?" Speaker Bill Grande from Paradigm Associates. 8 a.m. Bridgewater Manor. For more information call 908-725-1552.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18-19

NEW YORK CITY—14th National Conference for Women in Business. American Women's Economic Development Corporation will hold a two day conference offering counseling and training. Special guest speakers are higher. Call 212-692-9286 or 800-222-AWE.

MONDAY, MARCH 21

PRINCETON—International Technology Forum And Exposition, an opportunity for companies to expand their international trade. Princeton Marriott Hotel, Rt. 1 at 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 609-520-1776.

NOW THRU MARCH 22

MONTCALM—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents its winter seminar EXCEL: Entrepreneurial training program. Are You An Entrepreneur? and Start Right! Bid Right! from 8 - 9 p.m. For further information call 908-707-0173.

by William Reed

The keys to success are all around us in this capitalistic society, all we have to do is put them to use. For example, "Every investor should have a variety of investments," says a major stock firm. If black Americans adhered to this pure, and proven, American capitalist principle, more of us would have full economic and, probably social, parity with white America.

Although down from the 1980s, the median family worth for white Americans is \$40,000. For blacks, it is 10 percent of that for whites, or less than \$4,000. In fact, in too many instances in black America, we have a negative net worth, meaning that we owe far more than we own.

According to David Swinson, Dean of the School of Business at Jackson State University, "In general, the current status of African Amer-

icans has not really improved over the last decade. In terms of the relative inequality, that is the position of African Americans, in comparison to the position of white Americans, the degree of inequality increased since the 1980s. In essence, blacks have lost ground."

But for blacks to make up lost ground, we don't need to continue the same old, "Somebody done done me Wrong," song. We need to stop letting our collective preoccupation be focused around whether the Confederate flag flies atop the state capital building and whether the Jewish community doesn't like the words some black speaker says, or feels, about us.

We need to invest in each other, and in our collective needs. Black enterprise and collective capitalism are not new concepts to us. They are

just untried to any meaningful extent in this generation of our race. Note the words written on this subject decades ago by Carter G. Woodson, and then those of Frederick Douglass. At this moment, the Negro must begin to do the very thing which they have been taught they cannot do. They still have some money, and they have needs to supply. They must begin immediately to pool their earnings and organize industries to participate in supplying social and economic demands," said Woodson. "We must become mechanics, we must build as well as live in houses, we must make as well as use furniture, we must construct bridges as well as pass over them, before we can properly live or

be respected by our fellow men."

Members of our race should stop dancing around the subject and address the collective need for wealth. Head on. In this country, wealth is something you work hard to attain, marry into, or inherit. While we've created a significant black middle-class in the last three decades, the current generation of African Americans has not accumulated any amount of wealth to pass on. When you take a real look at our ownership of America, you'll note that we're more often than not, exhibited more flash than we have cash, toward gaining real power in this country.

Our mighty race needs to lift

itself up through investments in each other. Neighborhoods in each of our cities need super markets and convenience stores to feed our people. We need shoes, cars, coats and eyeglasses that could be sold to us by blacks in shopping centers built by us, our brothers and sisters who travel, and those who attend meetings and conventions, need hotels owned by black investment groups to stay in.

Marcus Garvey said: "Up you mighty race." Black economic development will not start by waiting for Capitol Hill to make a law for blacks to be rich. It will start with groups of us coming together to build and supply the demands of our own people.

NAMC celebrates 14th annual business awards luncheon

NEW YORK, NY—The National Minority Business Council (NMBC) hosted close to 600 corporate and minority business executives at its 14th annual business awards luncheon recently held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Manhattan.

The luncheon also launched the beginning of NYNEX President and CEO Richard A. Jalkut's one-year term as chair of the NMBC's Corporate Steering Committee. Mr. Jalkut, also recipient of the Corporate Award, was chosen based on NYNEX's outstanding leadership in promoting business and economic growth within the minority community.

"The success of this year's luncheon is greatly due to the ongoing efforts of our corporate sponsors and their unyielding support of the Council's endeavors," said John F. Robinson, NMBC President and CEO.

One highlight of the luncheon was the reading of a proclamation from President Clinton, which cited the achievements of the NMBC and the minority business community. The proclamation states, "The National Minority Business Council is taking important steps to promote economic advancement and opportunity across the nation. I commend the Council for its efforts to help today's entrepreneurs and to open doors for future generations of business leaders."

The Outstanding Corporate Business Awards were given to Dun & Bradstreet Corp., Ebasco Inc., General Public Utilities Corp., and Johnson & Johnson. Recipients of the Outstanding Minority Business Awards included: A. Berger Paper

Products, Inc., Jannus Group, Inc., and Prime Chemicals Technology Corp. Wesley D. Ratcliff of the Advanced Technological Solutions received a Special Achievement Award. The Community Services Award was presented to Steven Warren of the Services for the Underserved. Minority Business News USA received the Media Award.

Library increases stock of small business books

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield Public Library has received a grant from the New Jersey Department of Education to purchase materials on starting and operating a small business. Over 100 books have been added to the collection on topics such as writing a business plan, funding sources, managing a small business, and the establishment and operation of specific businesses such as catering services, day care centers, and retail stores.

Irvington housing rebounds into top 20 percent of HUD-funded homes program

IRVINGTON—A recently released Federal Report has listed the City of Irvington in the top 20 percent in performance of communities, participating in the HUD-funded HOME Program.

According to Chris Mazaukas, Deputy Director of the Office of Neighborhood Preservation and Rehabilitation, this is an excellent showing for the Township's Housing Rehabilitation Program, which was in serious jeopardy only three years ago.

In 1990, HUD received \$86,000 in Rental Rehabilitation Program funds, because of the lack of coordination and cooperation between the Township and the Irvington Housing Authority. The CDBG program was also in trouble due to poor performance and continuous (negative) findings going back to 1986. In 1990 the CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Program assisted only one (1) unit during the entire year. In addition, the Township Housing Rehabilitation Program had not received State funds since 1983.

Through a combination of New State and Federal funding, the Office of Neighborhood Preservation and Rehabilitation completed 58 assisted units, with an additional 50 units under production during 1993. Of all the HOME PJ's (Participating Jurisdiction) Irvington was rated sixth out of 24 in New Jersey, and 80th out of 418 in the Nation.

The HOME Program was introduced by HUD in 1990 and implemented in Irvington in 1992. Funds can be used to provide deferred forgivable loans to redevelop multi-unit rental properties, assist first-time homebuyers, and Community Housing Development Organization based affordable housing projects.

According to Mayor Steele, "...Code Enforcement and Rehabilitation programs and staff were co-mingled and HUD was not getting accurate reporting. At one point, the Township almost lost all of its Housing rehabilitation money."

"Realizing HUD was serious, I

proposed Executive Order 0003, in which I pulled the Division of Housing Rehabilitation out of the Department of Housing Services in order to establish the Office of Neighborhood Preservation. I appointed, as Deputy Director, Chris Mazaukas, who had been working with the Township to increase funding, improve production and address HUD's numerous concerns... We went from \$90,000 in 1990 to over \$1,500,000 by 1993 (+\$3,200,000 cumulative. 1991-1993). And there's more housing money out there to be gotten."

Mayor Steele stated that 1994 and 1995 are going to be pivotal years for new construction in the public sector. Developers are meeting with Township officials to discuss their interests in vacant lots and properties townwide. The administration has presented a new Community Housing Affordability Strategy to HUD, which when approved will greatly aid in developing and implementing several new housing initiatives and programs."

NAMC National Association of Minority Contractors and Rutgers University presents
RADON MEASUREMENT OPERATORS TRAINING COURSE
MARCH 14-18, 1994
Eastern Regional Radon Training Center
Livingston Campus
New Brunswick, New Jersey

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sponsored workshop is designed for individuals new to radon measurement and will be divided into two (2) days of classroom theory and two (2) days of hands on experience. The U.S. EPA's Radon Measurement Proficiency Examination will be held on the morning of March 18, 1994. All who pass the exam will be listed on special EPA list of "proficient radon measurement operators" which will be distributed to all states.

INTENSIVE 5-DAY PROGRAM FEATURES ● Radon Basics and Health Effects ● Interpretation of Results and Quality Assurance ● Ethics and Professionalism ● Radon Measurement Devices, Instruments, & Protocols ● Worker Health and Safety ● How to Market Your Radon Measurement Business ● Radon Measurement Proficiency Exam on fifth and final day.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Contractors who are interested in expanding their current capability to include radon mitigation should take this course. Contractors will find that having an expertise in radon measurement will, serve them well during the traditional "boom times" in the winter when the market for radon measurement operators is highest.

REGISTER: Complete and return the form to NAMC, with \$100.00 refundable payment. Checks should be made payable to the National Association of Minority Contractors. Registration fee will be refunded with successful workshop completion. If a last minute emergency prevents you from attending, NAMC will allow you to substitute your enrollment to anyone you designate. However, we will not allow you to attend another course, in lieu of your cancellation, and receive a refund. Send to: Elise Anderson, NAMC, 1833 F ST. NW, Suite 500, Arlington, DC 20004, 202-347-8259. Fax 202-628-1876.

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For further information on the programs and upcoming contracts, call (212) 435-7803.

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LEGAL NOTICE

INVIATION TO BID

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson will receive sealed bids on Friday, March 18, 1994 at 10:30 A.M., 160 Ward Street, Paterson, New Jersey for the following items as outlined in the Technical Specifications:

BATHROOM UPGRADING

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NJ21-6-1, Nathan Barnett Homes
NJ21-6-2, Dr. Andrew McBride Homes

Bidders are to submit Bids in a sealed envelope marked with the job title as it appears in this advertisement with both an inner envelope containing the Bid and on an outer envelope. A deposit of \$50.00 (Check or Money Order) is required and is refundable on return of specifications and documents within ten (10) days from Bid date in unopened condition. All Bidders are hereby notified that they must comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local laws, Rules and Regulations including, but not limited to, those pertaining to Affirmative Action, Equal Opportunity, Ownership, Disclosure and Security.

Specifications covering the above requirements may be obtained at the office of the Authority during office hours from 9:00 am to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday. The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bids shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to opening of bids without the consent of the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson. A Bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee which shall not be less than five percent (5%) of the amount of the total bid. At the option of the bidder, the guaranty may be a certified check, bank draft, U.S. Government Bond (at current date market value) or a bid bond secured by Guaranty or Surety Company. Performance and Completion Bonds will be required of the successful bidder.

The project is 100% Finance Federal Money, under the 1993 Comprehensive Grant Program (CGP). The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson is currently conducting NJ21-6-1, Nathan Barnett Homes and NJ21-6-2, Dr. Andrew McBride Homes. Minority Business (MBE) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subject to the usual cause for rejection of Bids. Bids are required in consideration of an award.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON
FELIX RAYMOND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick in their office at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, at 11:45 a.m. prevailing time at which time bids will be opened and read for:

DATE: Monday March 28, 1994
CONTRACT: ROAD REPAIRS AND REPAIRS FOR SCHWARTZ HOMES, PROJECT NJ 22-2, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

There is one set of bidding documents covering the contract which may be examined at the Housing Authority's office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday on regular business days. A copy of the documents may be obtained for bidding purposes after March 9, 1994, at the office of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey. A deposit in cash or check, payable to the order of the New Brunswick Housing Authority in the amount of \$50 will be required for each set of bidding documents. Additional sets can be purchased directly from the Authority for the sum of \$75 each. All bids are to be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount to insure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a performance and payment bond or bonds as required by the Bidding Documents.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Management Offices, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on March 21, 1994. ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND BUT NON ATTENDANCE WILL NOT BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF BIDS. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127, and all applicable H.U.D. rules and regulations. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids. No bid shall be accepted that does not conform to the specifications. Bids are to be made on the proposal forms and sealed in an envelope marked "BID FOR THE NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY, ROAD REPAIRS AND REPAIRS FOR SCHWARTZ HOMES, PROJECT NJ 22-2, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY".

All bids are to be delivered at the time and place indicated above.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick in their office at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, at 11:00 a.m. prevailing time at which time bids will be opened and read for:

DATE: Monday, March 28, 1994
CONTRACT: Replacement of Building Plumbing and Bathroom Modernization at New Brunswick Homes, Buildings #1-4, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Project NJ 22-3.

A deposit in cash or check, payable to the order of the New Brunswick Housing Authority in the amount of \$50 will be required for each set of bidding documents. Additional sets can be purchased directly from the Authority for the sum of \$75 each. All bids are to be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount to insure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a performance and payment bond or bonds as required by the Bidding Documents.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10 a.m. in the Conference Room in Building #1 at New Brunswick Homes on March 16, 1994. ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND BUT NON ATTENDANCE WILL NOT BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF BIDS. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127, and all applicable H.U.D. rules and regulations. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids. No bid shall be accepted that does not conform to the specifications. Bids are to be made on the proposal forms and sealed in an envelope marked "BID FOR THE NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY, REPLACEMENT OF BUILDING PLUMBING AND BATHROOM MODERNIZATION AT NEW BRUNSWICK HOMES, BUILDINGS #1-4, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY, PROJECT NJ 22-3".

All bids are to be delivered at the time and place indicated above.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS JR.
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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick in their office at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, at 10 a.m. prevailing time at which time bids will be opened and read for:

DATE: Monday, March 28, 1994
CONTRACT: UPGRADE OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE OF 38 BUILDINGS FOR SCHWARTZ HOMES AND ROBESON VILLAGE, PROJECTS NJ 22-1, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY.

There is one set of bidding documents covering the contract which may be examined at the Housing Authority's office from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday on regular business days. A copy of the documents may be obtained for bidding purposes after March 9, 1994, at the office of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey. A deposit in cash or check, payable to the order of the New Brunswick Housing Authority in the amount of \$50 will be required for each set of bidding documents. Additional sets can be purchased directly from the Authority for the sum of \$75 each. All bids are to be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than five percent (5%) of the amount to insure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a performance and payment bond or bonds as required by the Bidding Documents. The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held at 10 a.m. in the Community Room of the Management Offices, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey, on March 22, 1994. ALL BIDDERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND BUT NON ATTENDANCE WILL NOT BE CAUSE FOR REJECTION OF BIDS. Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127, and all applicable H.U.D. rules and regulations. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids. No bid shall be accepted that does not conform to the specifications. Bids are to be made on the proposal forms and sealed in an envelope marked "BID FOR THE NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY, UPGRADE OF ELECTRICAL SERVICE OF 38 BUILDINGS FOR SCHWARTZ HOMES AND ROBESON VILLAGE, PROJECTS NJ 22-1, NEW BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY".

All bids are to be delivered at the time and place indicated above.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP-84-93CGP-1460-216

APARTMENT & COMMON AREA FLOOR TILE

RESTATEMENT AT
NJ21-6-1, NATHAN BARNETT HOMES &
NJ21-6-2, DR. ANDREW MCBRIDE HOMES

The Housing Authority of the City of Paterson is making a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified Professional Architect/Engineering firms to provide design for Apartment & Common Area Floor Tile Replacement at NJ21-1, Nathan Barnett Homes & NJ21-2, Dr. Andrew McBride Homes.

Scope of Services and other documents may be obtained in the Purchasing Department during office hours between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. at the Housing Authority of the City of Paterson, 160 Ward Street, Second Floor, Paterson, New Jersey 07609. Any additional information can be obtained by calling the Purchasing Department at (201) 345-5395.

Proposals shall be in accordance with the Scope of Services and will be submitted by interested firms no later than 12:00 NOON, Monday, March 21, 1994, in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Proposal for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for Apartment & Common Area Floor Tile Replacement at NJ21-1, Nathan Barnett Homes & NJ21-2, Dr. Andrew McBride Homes, with the job title written on both an inner envelope containing the proposals and on an outer envelope clearly marked "Proposal for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services for Apartment & Common Area Floor Tile Replacement at NJ21-1, Nathan Barnett Homes & NJ21-2, Dr. Andrew McBride Homes".

Ministry Business Enterprises (MBE) will be offered full opportunity to bid and will not be subjected to discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration of an award.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON
FELIX RAYMOND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

INVIATION TO BID

Asbury Park Housing and Urban Development Agency

Projects No. 7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4

Electric Meters

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park for the installation of individual electric meters for the following: Boston Way, Lincoln Village and Washington Village until 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 31, 1994 at Modernization Office at 1000-172 Third Avenue, Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712, at which time and place the Bids will be publicly opened and read.

Bids must be submitted on standard proposal forms in the manner designated and required by the instruction to Bidders. From HUD 5369-A, "Representations, Certifications and other Statements of Bidders" and the contract properly executed and include all required attachments in order for a Bid to be declared responsive. Bids must be enclosed in sealed envelopes with the name of the Bidder and the job title to be done clearly marked on the outside of the envelope addressed to the Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park Modernization Office. Attention of the Bidders is particularly called to the requirements concerning Conditions of Employment to be observed and the Davis Bacon Act. Bids must be accompanied by the Department of Labor are required to be paid under the contract. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check in the following amounts:

For bids up to \$200,000 10% of Bid Price
From \$200,000 - 400,000 20,000.00
For Bids over \$400,000 5% of Bid Price

Bids must be accompanied by a Certificate of Surety regardless of whether a Certified Check or Bid Bond is submitted. All Bid Bonds and Consents of Surety must be issued by a Surety Company listed in the most recently published United States Treasury Circular 570 and must be licensed to issue surety bonds in the State of New Jersey. A Non-Collusion Affidavit or a Statement of Individual Ownership of 10% or More of the Stock of the Bidding Corporation or Partnership must accompany each bid pursuant to P.L. 1975-127 and be submitted in the Department of Public Law P.L. 1975-127 in the form of a Public Law P.L. 1975-127. Inclusive of Part of the Instructions to Bidders-Plans and Specifications may be obtained at the Office of Alfred R. Monette, P.E., 320 River Street, Asbury Park, New Jersey 07712, by depositing a fee of \$25 for each set of documents in the form of a Money Order, Check or Cash. This deposit shall be non-refundable to Non-Bidders and to unsuccessful Bidders who tender the documents until for future use. Bidders shall telephone this Office at (201) 899-0959 a minimum of one (1) business day in advance of pick-up date for desired documents. Housing Authority of the City of Asbury Park reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities in Bids when such action is deemed to be in the best interest of the Authority. No Bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening of Bids with the express consent of the Housing authority of the City of Asbury Park. All Work shall be completed within one hundred twenty (120) calendar days from the date of the Notice To Proceed.

KENNETH E. NIXON, JR.
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

3/9/94

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NOTICE OF JTPA TWO-YEAR PLAN AVAILABILITY

The Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (MOET) and the Newark Private Industry Council (NPIC) hereby makes notice of publication and availability of the City of Newark's Two-Year Employment and Training Plan. The Plan will detail the employment and training activities and services funded under the Job Training Partnership Act (P.L. 97-368) to be operated for Newark's citizens during the next two-year period beginning July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1996.

The Plan calls for providing training and services in the areas of occupational skills training, basic skills (GED), On The Job Training (OJT) and Counseling and Assessment. Details of the Summer Youth Employment and Training Program (SYETP) is also provided in the Plan. One is hereby notified that the Plan will be available only if he/she is a Newark resident and is JTPA eligible. Training and services will be offered under the following occupational titles:

Allied Health
Automotive
Business Administration
Clerical/Office Skills
Customer Service
Computer Literacy
Retail Sales
Airport Services
Non-Traditional Training for Women
CAREER ADVANCEMENT
Youth Training

Training and Service activities will be funded under JTPA Title III Adult, IIC Youth, IIB SYETP, Title II (Dislocated Worker), FDP (Family Development Program) WOP (Workforce Development Program), and 5th Order Worker. The projected total amount of funding for the first year of the Plan (1994-1995) is \$11,837,198.

PROJECTED FUNDING LEVEL BY SOURCE

JTPA	FDP	WOP	Total
Title IIIA - \$3,099,984		\$250,000	
Title IIB - \$4,061,043		\$1,083,000	
Title IIC - \$2,133,048		0 - TBD	
Title III - \$1,270,123			
Total Federal - \$10,564,198			Total State - \$1,333,000
			Grant Total \$11,837,198

A preliminary copy of the Two-Year Plan is available to the public and may be viewed at the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, 55 Liberty Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102 after April 12, 1994. Any comments and/or questions may be directed to the aforementioned address.

SHARPE JAMES, MAYOR
CITY OF NEWARK

HOWARD H. ATKINS, DIRECTOR
MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

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NEWARK PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP-84-93CGP-1460-812

STATE IMPROVEMENTS AT

NJ21-6-1, NATHAN BARNETT HOMES

NJ21-6-2, DR. ANDREW MCBRIDE HOMES

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PATERSON
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3/9/94

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PRINCIPAL CLERK

The Township of Montclair an EOE is seeking a Principal Clerk for the Purchasing Department. The successful candidate must be detail oriented with the ability to relate well with the public. Candidate must also possess demonstrated skills in typing, Lotus 1-2-3, and Word Processing. Purchasing and Microsoft Word/Windows experience a plus. 1992 Salary range - 18,155.00 - 23,353.00. Hours - Monday - Friday 8:30 - 4:30, excellent benefits. Apply to Township of Montclair, Personnel Office, 205 Claremont Avenue, Montclair, NJ 07042. Closing Date: Friday, March 25, 1994.

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BUSINESS IN THE BLACK

Money and medals are only part of the Olympic reward

by Charles E. Belle

"Whatever happens doesn't blow your cool," comes from the streets of Chicago and got to the fjords of Norway. Not that it isn't already cold in Norway. This "frosthite setting" might be what helped Tommy Moe, an Alaskan with Norwegian grandparents, give himself his 24th birthday present, winning America's first gold medal as a downhill skier. Diann Roffe-Sternrotter, short a month from being 27, and short in height (5'4"), saved the day for the US women skiers, with the first US women's gold. Just as was intended, Dan Jansen, 28, a Wisconsin native, won the gold with a world-record setting time in the 1,000 meter ice skating race.

"Right now I don't have words," he said after the victory. But he did have the top medal! He also received welcome words directly from President Bill Clinton by telephone with the rest of his US Olympic Team mates. The surprise gold medal winner was 31-year-old Cathy Turner, a 1992 Ice Capades "Made In America" singer with a win in the women's 500 meter short track race. "I won and I'm glad I won. I worked hard for this," declared Turner.

Top banana is Bonnie Blair, about to hit the big 3-0, from Illinois with five Olympic gold medals, including two this year from victories in the 500 and 1,000 meter speed skate races, ranking her the all-time US women's Olympic medal holder with more than "Flo Jo" or Jackie Joyner Kersee. Bonnie believes that it's because she is "out there doing something that (she) loves and enjoys." She and her other fellow American team mates found gold in Lillehammer. The Olympic movement is in fact a gold mine.

The Norwegian government spent over one and a half billion dollars to create a legacy for their children. Corporate sponsors and other people's money made it a marvelous investment. Individual sponsors,

ships, broadcasting rights, ticket sales and other projects paid back \$525 million immediately in cash. Broadcasters got their money back with the largest number of countries over televising the Winter Games, with the US attracting a record number of households to watch TV.

Advertisers gave the broadcasters their \$355 million and more back. Ticket sales set a record at over one point three million dollars. A pleasant surprise, since 10 billion people peeked at the Games on television. This is twenty percent more than viewed the 1992 Winter Olympics. The top sponsors such as Coca-Cola, Kodak, Visa, Bausch & Lomb, Time/Sports Illustrated (swimsuit issue), Xerox, Matsushita, IBM and local "ride" Volvo got their money's worth.

With "drive safely" Volvo providing the cars, things ran safely and smoothly even in the constant sub-zero cold with hazardous road conditions. Considering the LOCC Marketing Group had the best lounge in the very exclusive free food and drink sponsored village, with Ray Charles' music blaring in the background, you better believe these Games were a financial success. Some funds for culture brought in "Tower of Power" and singer Randy Crawford during the Games.

The quintessential thing about the Olympics is what it really does for people. Dudley Stokes, original member and driver of the Jamaican bobsled team, told me that "Cool Runnings" captured the spirit, that every sportsman has the right to compete in any sport. Every child everywhere should believe he or she can compete in any Olympic sport. The first theme of the XVIII Olympic Winter Games in Nagano, Japan (Nagano-go) in 1998 will be "from around the world...to flower as one." While it may seem that all the emphasis is on precious medals and money, in the end, the Olympics mean meeting and making friends worldwide.

DREAMS IN THE GLOBAL VILLAGE

El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz (Malcolm X) editor for the black press

by Todd Burroughs

The story of El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz (1925-1965) and *Muhammad Speaks*, the tabloid he founded in his basement in 1961, is not a pleasant one. But, it needs to be told, if blacks wish to avoid not only the mistakes of the past, but to learn the proper use of the media.

Malcolm X (a.k.a. Minister Malcolm Shabazz of the Nation of Islam's Temple No. 7 in Harlem) came to journalism in much the same way as another famous Harlemite, Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., did two decades earlier. Both wrote columns for the *New York Amsterdam News*, a Harlem weekly, then later decided to start their own tabloids.

Malcolm's *Amsterdam News* column, "God's Angry Men," attacked the Christian Church and extolled the virtues of NOI leader Elijah Muhammad. Peter Goldman, author of *The Death and Life of Malcolm X*, wrote that the column became so popular the NOI's Chicago headquarters took it away from him, replacing him in the *Amsterdam News* slot with Muhammad.

"He (Muhammad) saw that Malcolm was becoming the biggest thing in New York black-wise,"

Goldman quotes the late James Hicks, who was the *Amsterdam News*'s editor at the time. Malcolm said in his autobiography that his column was transferred to the *Los Angeles Herald Dispatch*, a black weekly. The human rights leader added that he learned much of the newspaper craft by working in the *Dispatch*'s offices.

Malcolm then founded *Muhammad Speaks*. The paper was primarily sold on street corners by the NOI's followers—a practice continued today by the new Nation of Islam and their tabloid, *The Final Call*.

"Malcolm himself produced much of the [Muhammad Speaks] copy and took most of the pictures of the early editions, with his own and his temple's activities extensively covered," writes Goldman. "Once again he incurred Chicago's displeasure, and the newspaper was taken away from him, too. Malcolm never complained about that either—until his relationship with the Messenger had nearly deteriorated to breaking point," Goldman added.

"Little I dream that later on, when jealously set in among the hierarchy, nothing about me would be printed in the paper I had founded," Malcolm said in his autobiography.

After his break with Muhammad, the paper (which, as Malcolm said, had previously blacked out coverage of him and his temple) regularly attacked Malcolm. One of those leading the charge was Minister Louis X, a former Malcolm protégé, now known as Louis Farrakhan. Farrakhan wrote that his former mentor had become an "international hobo."

Farrakhan also wrote: "Such a man as Malcolm is worthy of death, and would have met with death if it had not been for Muhammad's confidence in Allah for victory over his enemies." (Farrakhan has since apologized for his actions, warning blacks of the power of jealousy to foster division and claiming the federal government secretly encouraged the conflict between Malcolm and the Nation.)

"In one issue," writes Goldman, "Eugene Majied, the paper's brilliantly cruel cartoonist, drew Muhammad's head bounding down a roadway toward a pile of skulls, growing horns and a satanic leonine enroute and crying, 'I split because no man wants to be number two man in nothing...bla-bla-bla-bla...'"

Malcolm was assassinated while preparing to speak in the Audubon Ballroom in New York City. He was 39.

Muhammad himself wrote columns during this period, warning of an unidentified "chief hypocrite."

Black press historian Roland Wolsley writes that *Muhammad Speaks* had a claimed circulation of about 600,000 in the early 1970s, the largest circulation of any black newspaper or organ. It had its own printing plant—a technological advance few black newspapers had made before or since. *Muhammad Speaks* was renamed *Bilalian News* after Wallace Muhammad. Elijah Muhammad's son, took over the original Nation following Elijah's death in 1975. (Wallace changed the group into a religious group that embraced orthodox Islam and all races.)

When *Bilalian News* was discontinued, Wallace's group began publishing *Muslim Journal*, another weekly tabloid, which still exists today. The largest splinter group that left the original Nation after Elijah's death, was the one led by Farrakhan. Farrakhan's Nation of Islam was established by 1981.

And a new *Muhammad Speaks* is now being published. The tabloid is the organ of The Lost-Found Nation of Islam, another splinter group of the original Nation. The Lost-Found Nation is led by Sillis Muhammad.

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